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## REPORT ON 1948 WORK OF MOSCOW INSTITUTE OF PEDIATRICS

Prof S.P. Borisov  
Director, Moscow Institute  
of Pediatrics

In 1948 several deficiencies of the Institute were eliminated, some 25 clinical specialists and 12 physicians were added to the staff, and the operation of the Department of Physiology was improved. The plans for the past year were all completed. The personnel of the Institute developed methods for the treatment of pneumonia cases and prophylaxis for postnatal rickets. Research was conducted on the effects of special lamps on the bacterial content of the air in pediatric hospitals. New diets for increasing the emotional stability of babies and the value of sanitary stations for treating dysenteries were confirmed.

There are six major problems which the Institute hopes to solve in 1949, the most important being an intensified study of pneumonia, dysentery, scarlet fever, and rheumatism by research on the regularities of diseased processes. The Department for the Organization of Health Services for Children, under the leadership of Professor Tseytlin, is to increase its facilities for prophylactic treatments for children.

The Ministry of Public Health intends to correct the deficiencies of bacteriological laboratories under its jurisdiction in 1949 on the study of infectious diseases. The Ministry should undertake not only the study of healthy children but also the sick. Improvement is also desirable in the Clinic for Infectious Diseases.

Deputy Minister N. V. Mansunikov of the Ministry of Public Health for the USSR briefly reported on the success of the Institute for the Study of Pneumonia.

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Prof S. A. Reynberg emphasized the value of X-ray research in the field of pediatrics. He noted that such research is particularly important in the diagnosis of pneumonia, as X-ray photographs clearly show any error in the morphological and clinical diagnoses. Others who supported the value of X-ray diagnosis were Professors A. I. Smirnov, S. N. Cherkinskiy, B. N. Mogil'nitskiy, A. F. Bilidin, et al.

The Institute will cooperate closely with the Leningrad Institute of Pediatrics in solving these six problems.

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